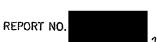
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- 1. Budolf Feistmann, an aditor of the SED newspaper, Memos Deutschland, has returned from an eleven-day visit in Preme, where he conferred with Idenek Fierlinger, Minister of Industry; Pater Josef Plojhar, Minister of Health; Vaclav Kopecký, Minister of Information; and Dr. Antonin Gregr, Minister of Foreign Trade. These persons authorized him to report that they favor a unified Germany. In his conversation with Dr. Gregr, Feistmann was assured that Czechoslovakia is more than satisfied with the trade agreements being negotiated between Czechoslovakia and the Bastern Zone. He was requested, however, not to publish any of the details of the agreements.
- Feistmann discussed the improvement of Reues Deutschland's Czechoslovakian news coverage with Kopecky and the Secretary-General of the Communist Party. They agreed that present sources of information are inadequate, but pointed out that political developments of the past two weeks make it possible to amend this fault immediately; precautions which were required when Communists were called "German agents" by reactionaries holding high governmental offices may now be dropped. It is probable that Menes Deutschland will send a regular correspondent to Prague. In this

connection Sepp Schwab, Director of Neues Deutschland stated that negotiations have been under way for some weeks with the eastern European states and that only the question of the actual assignment of correspondents remains to be settled. Within the next three months Newes Deutschland reporters will be stationed in all capital cities of southeastern Europe.

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